

reconciled and coordinated—a result most likely to be achieved by requiring the program manager to report to the DNI.”

Consistent with the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 103 of the National Security Act of 1947 and sections 1016 and 1018 of IRTPA, and taking appropriate account of the recommendations of the Commission, I hereby direct as follows:

1. The DNI shall promptly designate the PM, and all personnel, funds, and other resources assigned to the PM, as part of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) pursuant to section 103(c)(9) of the National Security Act of 1947 and shall administer the PM and related resources as part of the ODNI throughout the initial 2-year term of the PM's office.

2. During the initial 2-year term of the PM's office, the DNI:

- (a) shall exercise authority, direction, and control over the PM;
- (b) shall ensure that the PM carries out the functions of the PM under section 1016 of IRTPA and this memorandum—
 - (i) in a manner that facilitates the effective accomplishment of Federal homeland security, diplomatic, defense, foreign intelligence, and law enforcement functions and that facilitates provision to State, local, and tribal authorities of appropriate access to information they need to perform their homeland security functions; and
 - (ii) consistent with applicable law and Presidential guidance relating to information access, including Executive Orders 13311 and 13356; and
- (c) shall ensure that the PM has employed by, or assigned or detailed to his office personnel with substantial information sharing experience relating to homeland security, national defense, law enforcement, and State and local governments to the maximum extent possible;

3. Heads of executive departments and agencies shall, to the extent permitted by law and pursuant to section 1016(i) of IRTPA, provide assistance and information to the

DNI and the PM in the implementation of this memorandum.

4. This memorandum:

- (a) shall be implemented in a manner consistent with applicable law, including Federal law protecting the information privacy and other legal rights of Americans, and subject to the availability of appropriations;
- (b) shall be implemented in a manner consistent with the statutory authority of the principal officers of departments and agencies as heads of their respective departments or agencies;
- (c) shall not be construed to impair or otherwise affect the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budget, administrative, and legislative proposals; and
- (d) is intended only to improve the internal management of the Federal Government and is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by a party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agencies, or any other person.

George W. Bush

Memorandum on Order of Succession of Officers To Act as Secretary of Defense

June 2, 2005

Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense

Subject: Order of Succession of Officers to Act as Secretary of Defense

Pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 3345(a) of title 5, United States Code, and notwithstanding Executive Order 13000 of April 24, 1996, I direct as follows:

(1) In the event of the death, permanent disability, or resignation of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy shall act for and perform the duties of the Secretary of Defense as Acting Secretary of Defense.

(2) In the event of the temporary absence or temporary disability of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy shall act for and perform the duties of the Secretary of Defense as Acting Secretary of Defense. In these instances, the designation as Acting Secretary of Defense applies only for the duration of the Secretary's absence or disability, and does not affect the authority of the Secretary to exercise during the absence, or to resume when the disability no longer exists, the powers of his office.

(3) In all other respects, Executive Order 13000 of April 24, 1996, shall remain in effect.

(4) This memorandum shall expire upon the appointment of a Deputy Secretary of Defense, unless sooner terminated by operation of law or by the President.

(5) You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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**Remarks at a Dinner for Senator
James M. Talent in St. Louis,
Missouri**
June 2, 2005

Thank you all for coming. Thanks for the warm welcome. Please be seated. My arm still hurts from the last time—or one of the last times I came to St. Louis. I tried to fire a 90-mile-an-hour fastball on opening day—[*laughter*]—got up there about 60, maybe. [*Laughter*] But I love coming to your town. Thanks for having me. Thank you all. Those of you who have traveled—I want to thank those of you who traveled from outside this great city of St. Louis to come to support Talent.

The “Show Me” State—my attitude is, show me a good Senator, and I’m going to back him. And we’ve got a great Senator in Jim Talent. I appreciate his spirit. I appreciate his working with the White House. He’s an independent enough guy to tell us if we’re

not doing right. In other words, he is the kind of person you want from a State of strong, independent people, tough, principled, unwilling to yield when he stands for—when he believes he’s correct. And that’s the way Jim Talent is. Every time I’m with him, he’s always talking about the citizens of Missouri. I say, “What about Texas?” He says, “Well, they’re all right down there.” [*Laughter*]

So I’m proud to stand here with him. And I think the people of Missouri will be wise to send this good man back to the United States Senate.

And Talent married well—[*laughter*]—Brenda, I appreciate you being here. It’s good to meet your mother-in-law. It’s a smart thing to bring the mother-in-law through the photo op line. [*Laughter*] Not only is he a good Senator, he’s a smart son-in-law. [*Laughter*] I was also thrilled to meet Michael and Kate and Chrissy, Jim and Brenda’s children. See, what’s important to the Talents is putting their family first. That’s what I like about Jim Talent. He’s got his priorities absolutely straight, faith, family, and the United States of America.

He married well, and so did I. And Laura sends her love to all our friends here in Missouri. You might have noticed that she’s become quite a comedian. [*Laughter*] More importantly, she’s a great First Lady. I was proud of her trip recently to the Middle East. She’s sending a strong message as part of the freedom movement, and that is, you can’t be free unless women have a free role in society. So not only is she a great comedian, she’s a great diplomat. But more importantly, she’s a wonderful mother, wonderful wife, and a great First Lady for the United States.

And I want to thank the senior Senator. That’s appropriate to call you senior, but you are a little older than Talent, at least. [*Laughter*] Kit Bond has served this State with great distinction for a long time. He’s a great friend and a great man. I appreciate you being here, Kit, and his wife, Linda Bond.

And I’m proud of your Governor. It still amazes me that you are old enough to meet the age requirement. [*Laughter*] He’s the youngest looking Governor in America. It turns out he’s a young-looking man who can